

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 27, 2007, claims 9, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2; claims 6, 7, 9, 10, and 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,731,642 (Borella) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,085,267 (Carey).

Claims 13-17 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-5, and the indication that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claim 20 has been incorporated into claim 6 to place claim 6 in condition for allowance.


Claim 9 has been amended to address the § 112, ¶ 2, rejection.

In a telephonic interview with the Examiner on February 26, 2008, the Examiner indicated that if claims 13-17 were cancelled, then the amendments to the remaining claims would be entered to place such claims in condition for allowance. No exhibits or references were discussed in the telephonic interview. Agreement was reached to cancel claims 13-17 and that the Examiner would enter the amendments of the remaining claims to place them in condition for allowance.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0181US).

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